

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of multi-currency funds settlement as implemented by one or more computers, each running a computer program comprising computer-readable program code stored on a computer readable medium, said computer-readable program code performing ~~comprising~~ the following steps:

(i) transferring funds in a currency X of a first legal person who is situated in country X¹ ~~are transferred~~ in whole or part within country X¹ to satisfy in whole or part the currency X¹ payment obligations of a second legal person, situated in a different country Y¹;

~~and the~~ (ii) transferring funds in a currency Y of ~~that the~~ second legal person situated in country Y¹ ~~are transferred~~ in whole or part within country Y¹ to satisfy in whole or part the currency Y payment obligations of a legal person, who may be the first legal person or one or more different or additional legal persons.

2. (Currently amended) The method ~~of multi-currency funds settlement~~ as defined in Claim 1 in which each legal person seeking to transfer foreign currency enters into a computer program an amount of foreign currency required and an applicable payee.

3. (Currently amended) The method ~~of~~ as defined in Claim 2 in which the computer program is hosted on one or more web servers.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ of any preceding claim 3 in which funds which are transferred to a first payee in a given jurisdiction are generated from a series of debits and credits ~~passing back~~ pertaining to a debit of cleared funds of a bank account held by a legal person in ~~that same said given~~ jurisdiction, ~~that wherein the~~ legal person is not seeking to transfer funds to ~~that said first~~ payee but to a second payee in a different jurisdiction.

5. (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium and being executed by a computer, the computer program including computer-readable program code that receives ~~receiving~~ data defining the non-domestic payment

obligations of parties located in two or more countries[[.]] and ~~programmed to identify identifying opportunities to satisfy those non-domestic payment obligations by assigning payment obligations, said computer-readable program code comprising: using the funds settlement method defined in Claim 4~~

(i) computer-readable program code that transfers funds in a currency X of a first legal person who is situated in country X¹ in whole or part within country X¹ to satisfy in whole or part the currency X¹ payment obligations of a second legal person, situated in a different country Y¹; and

(ii) computer-readable program code that transfers funds in a currency Y of that the second legal person situated in country Y¹ in whole or part within country Y¹ to satisfy in whole or part the currency Y payment obligations of a legal person, who may be the first legal person or one or more different or additional legal persons.

6. (Original) A computer server programmed with the computer program of Claim 5.

7. (Original) A computer terminal acting as a client, in which the client accepts from a party a foreign exchange requirement and sends that requirement to a server as defined in Claim 6.

8. (Currently amended) A computer based system ~~which enables operable such that~~ parties located in two or more jurisdictions [[to]] meet their foreign currency payment obligations, the system comprising a first computer terminal into which a first party located in a first jurisdiction inputs details of a potential first foreign currency financial transaction, a second computer terminal into which a second party located in a second jurisdiction inputs details of a potential second financial transaction, a computer network connecting the first and second terminals; characterized in there being a computer program, embodied on a computer readable medium and being executed by a computer, the program including computer-readable program code arranged to determine if any transfer of funds from the first

party to a payee located in the first jurisdiction satisfies in whole or part the requirement of the second party to transfer funds to ~~that~~ said payee.

9. (Currently amended) The computer based system of Claim 8 in which there are numerous computer terminals in numerous countries and the computer program is ~~arranged~~ includes computer-readable program code to determine if any transfer of funds from a party to a payee located in the jurisdiction of that party satisfies in whole or part the requirement of another party to transfer funds to that payee.